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Hon. Paul A. Crotty
United States District Judge
Southern District of New York
Daniel Patrick Moynihan U.S. Courthouse
500 Pearl Street
New York, NY 10007

Re: *United States v. Joshua Adam Schulte*, 17 Cr. 548 (PAC)

Dear Judge Crotty:

Given the extraordinary complexity of this case, and the imminent trial date of January 13, 2020, we respectfully request that the Court appoint James M. Branden, Esq., a member of the Court's CJA Panel, as additional counsel to Mr. Schulte pursuant to the Criminal Justice Act. Mr. Branden has advised us that he has the requisite security clearance and is able and willing to accept this appointment.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/
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cc: Counsel of Record (by ECF)
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